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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references identified in the present application, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

5           AA           U.S. Patent 5,253,248  
          AE           European reference EP 0 696 147  
          AF           European reference EP 0 400 879

**Article:**

10           AM           Regnier, Jean, "State-Dependent Dynamic traffic  
                          Management for Telephone Networks", IEEE  
                          Communications magazine, October 1990, No. 10, New  
                          York, pages 42-53.

**Explanation of Relevance**

15           All of the above references were cited in the International Search Report.  
          References AA, AF, and AM are in English, so no further commentary on their  
          teaching is required. Reference AE is in German, but an English language  
          translation of the abstract has been provided. A full translation of this reference  
          will be provided upon request from the Examiner.

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          in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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